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For : The FadD15 Gene of *Corynebacterium glutamicum*, Encoding an Acyl-CoA Synthase Polypeptide (as amended)

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2004 is due by September 16, 2004.

Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed and fully responsive.

In response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2004, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: